

## OVATION TO GOMPERS

Labor Delegates Cheer Him After Address.

## MAKES A FURTHER DENIAL

Replies to Accusations of Broughton Brandenberg, and Declares He Was Imparted to Hold Conference with President Van Cleave, of the Manufacturers' Association.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 21.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was again a speaker before the Federation convention to-day, his remarks being a reply to the denial of Broughton Brandenberg of the statement of Gompers yesterday that Brandenberg had tried to bribe him in the interest of the Manufacturers' Association.

The Federation president reiterated his statement of yesterday, and further alleged that it was the intention of Brandenberg to get him into conference with Van Cleave, of the Manufacturers' Association, in the efforts to bribe him. In speaking of Brandenberg, Gompers said:

"Why was it necessary for him to reassure me that he represented the Manufacturers' Association, coming to me with warrants issued and signed by the Century syndicate, an auxiliary of the National Manufacturers' Association, the marks of the latter appearing in no less than two instances on the warrants presented—the initials in one instance and the full name of the Manufacturers' Association spelled in the other. These warrants were eight inches long and four or five inches wide, such as are used in ordinary business use to safeguard the money transactions."

## Declined to Attend Conference.

"Immediately after my speech yesterday I was informed by Delegate Jerome Jones that about the time I told of having received letters from Brandenberg, urging that I go to Edgefield for a conference, Delegate Jones saw Mr. Van Cleave, the president of the Manufacturers' Association, and another man in Atlanta, Ga., a city in close proximity to Edgefield. The key to it all is that I declined to act as he wanted me to act."

At the conclusion of this speech Gompers was given another ovation.

## Parry Replies to Gompers.

Indianapolis, Nov. 21.—Speaking to-day of the charge by President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, that an agent of the National Association of Manufacturers had tried to bribe him, D. M. Parry, former president of the association, said:

"There is not a grain of truth in Gompers' assertions. I was elected president of the Association of Manufacturers in 1901, and I know that prior to that time there was absolutely no contact between our association and organized labor, or subsequently Gompers' charges do not hold good."

"Gompers' motive for making these charges is simply to forestall the truth he knows is going to be told about him and is trying to throw sand in the eyes of his honest followers to blind them."

## OPINIONS HANDLED DOWN.

Court of Appeals at Richmond Declines Numerous Cases.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 21.—Twenty-eight opinions were handed down in the Supreme Court of Appeals this morning. The cases cover a wide range of law points. Some of the cases are given below:

A Richmond company is a party to the case of Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company v. J. C. Threlkeld, Insurance Company, and wins its case in the Supreme Court.

The case of the Southern Railway Company v. Smith, was decided in favor of the railroad company, the judgment of which court is affirmed by Judge Harrison's opinion.

Judge White delivered the opinion of the court in Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company v. Paris, administrator, from the Circuit Court of Augusta County. The judgment in the lower court in favor of the administrator is reversed and the case remanded for a new trial.

The case of Roller v. Murray et al., from the Circuit Court of the Shenandoah County, involves questions not often raised in Virginia. Quite a number of questions are discussed in the opinion, the majority of which are sustained by the majority of the judges, and the decision is affirmed.

## MURRAY AGAIN HEADS B. &amp; O.

Board of Directors Re-elects Him for Fifth Consecutive Term.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 21.—Oscar G. Murray was re-elected president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the fifth consecutive year upon reorganization of the board of directors in New York to-day, the board having been re-elected at the stockholders' meeting in Baltimore last Monday.

Naturally this is a strong endorsement of his successful management of the property which he first took hold of as one of the receivers early in 1896. He was first elected president December 29, 1903, effective January 1, 1904, succeeding L. F. Loree.

The board also re-elected the other officers, as follows: George F. Randolph, first vice president; Hugh L. Bond, Jr., second vice president and general counsel; George L. Potter, third vice president; J. McNeal, fourth vice president and treasurer; C. W. Wolford, secretary.

## Humphreys—Hatch.

Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 21.—Old Wallers Church, in Spotsylvania County, yesterday was the scene of a pretty wedding, the contracting party being Miss Katherine Bernley Humphreys, daughter of Mr. William C. Humphreys, of Mount Pleasant neighborhood, and Mr. William Channing Hatch, of Hanover County.

## Slayer's Sentence Commuted.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 21.—Gov. Dawson to-day commuted the sentence of William Combs, of McDowell County, to life imprisonment after an investigation of the case had been made by the pardon board. Combs was indicted for the murder of Deputy Marshal Zachariah Dewitt. He was to have been hanged December 22.

## Mrs. Annie Henry Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Winchester, Va., Nov. 21.—Mrs. Annie Henry, wife of Nelson Henry, a farmer of Frederick County, died very suddenly last evening while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Mary Anderson, near Gore, Mrs. Henry was fifty-eight years of age. Surviving her are her husband and five daughters.

## MARYLAND NEWS IN BRIEF.

Rockville, Nov. 21.—Harry Riggs, Henry R. Gantzer, Charles J. Lyndee, John O'Neil and Eleanor Ray have been appointed by the county commissioners as trustees of the almshouse for the coming year.

Rockville, Nov. 21.—George Andrews, George and Eva Mabel Kendrick of Washington, today procured a license to wed, telling the clerk that they intended to be married on the 26th of next month.

## WILL SELL THOMPSON BRIDGE.

Commissioners Order Disposal of Unused Structure.

Upon recommendation of W. J. Douglas, engineer of bridges, the Commissioners have ordered the property clerk of the District to sell at public auction the bridge across Rock Creek, north of the line of Massachusetts avenue extended, known as the Thompson Bridge.

In his recommendation Mr. Douglas said that since the construction of the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge the Thompson Bridge has been used very little, and that it is badly in need of repairs. He said that it would require a considerable expenditure of money to put it in good shape, and for that reason he thought it advisable to close the bridge at once and sell it at public auction.

The Thompson Bridge was conveyed to the District of Columbia by John W. Thompson on July 7, 1887, and was for many years a prominent thoroughfare.

## MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS.

Opinions Handed Down In Several Important Cases.

Annapolis, Nov. 21.—The proceedings in the Court of Appeals to-day were as follows:

No. 3. Lilly M. Chambers against the Woodberry Manufacturing Company of Baltimore County et al. Appeal from the Circuit Court of Baltimore City. Judge Rogers delivered the opinion of the court. Judgment reversed and new trial awarded, with costs to the appellant above and below.

No. 4. The Acker, Merrill and Condit Company against the United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore City. Judge Burke delivered the opinion of the court. Judgment reversed and new trial awarded, the appellee to pay the costs.

No. 5. Harriet L. Hill against Charles H. McConnel and George L. Maltby, appellants from the Circuit Court of Baltimore City. Judge Schumaker delivered the opinion of the court. Decree affirmed, with costs.

No. 6. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City against George H. Schafer, appellee from the Circuit Court of Baltimore City. Judge Bond delivered the opinion of the court. Decree affirmed, the appellant to pay the costs.

No. 7. Frederick J. Cren and others against Peter McManus, appellee from the Court of Common Pleas. Judge Pearce delivered the opinion of the court. Judgment reversed and cause remanded for a new trial, costs above and below to be paid by the appellee.

The motion for reargument in the case of Buchanan v. Schuler, State tax commissioner, against the county commissioners of Montgomery County, argued at the April term, was overruled.

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No. 8. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore against the United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore; appellee from the Court of Common Pleas. Was further argued and concluded by Edgar Allan Poe for the appellant, against Blair Lee.

No. 9. Anne Burton Jeffers, Hester Harwood, Laura M. Harris, and Maria Bondebeck against the Mayor, Council and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, appellee from the Circuit Court of Annapolis County. Was argued by James M. Munroe for the appellants, and by R. P. Helm for the appellees, and George Weiss Williams for the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway Company, joint appellant.

## MARINES AID IN CAPTURE.

Negro, Charged with Attempt to Kill, Caught After Hard Chase.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 21.—Sought by several hundred men, among whom were naval officers and laborers, Matthew Sills, a negro, eluded arrest for two hours at the Norfolk navy yard this afternoon.

Being taken to jail on the charge of attempting to kill a sister-in-law, he made a break for liberty. Entering the navy yard, men and boys joined Constable Dennis in pursuit. Dennis overtook the man, but Sills again got away after badly hitting the officer.

The fugitive then jumped overboard and swam beneath a pier. He refused to surrender there when found, and was twice shot by marines, but the marines did not shoot to kill.

## Appetite—None.

The Woeful Reflections of a Withered Dyspeptic.

No substitute for good nature has yet been found. Smiles take root in the stomach. Without good digestion there never can be very much sunshine, for the very simple reason that the stomach and the brain are twins, and what affects one invariably affects the other. The fact that the best road to a person's heart is via the stomach still holds good.

Gorged grub and pappy pie always breed gloom and sleepless nights. They also breed dyspepsia—quick dyspepsia, and dyspepsia shows itself in a variety of ways.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are a good hearty meal, one ingredient of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest perfectly 3,000 grains of food in just the same way that you take it to bed with you; it is with you at the theater and at your desk.

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## NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Senator Machen Makes Suggestion as to Motto.

## "IN THIS GOD WE TRUST"

Fine of \$50 Imposed on Negro for Robbery—Everything in Readiness for Reception to William Jennings Bryan This Evening—Music Publishing Company Granted Charter.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU.

(Bell Telephone 63.)

Alexandria, Va., Nov. 21.—The elimination of the motto "In God we trust" from our money has caused considerable comment throughout the country, and at last a suggestion has been offered by State Senator Lewis H. Machen, of this city, which the Senator thinks would in all probability end the whole threatened political and religious cyclone which the elimination of the motto has already precipitated.

In an article written to a Richmond newspaper Senator Machen says that since Secretary Chase adopted the motto in the first instance as a compromise, it would seem that such a course would be helpful in the present crisis. Continuing, he says: "Would it not be appropriate for a Republican Congress to restore the motto upon our money, amended so as to read, 'In this God we trust'?"

Senator Machen being an ardent supporter of Democracy, it is hardly thought by his constituents in this city that the Republican Congress will take any cognizance of his timely suggestion.

## Negro Is Fined \$50.

A fine of \$50 to which was added a sentence of six months in the city jail was to-day imposed in the police court on Toots Olden, colored, charged with assaulting and robbing Thomas Colbert, also colored. The robbery occurred at the intersection of Washington and Princess streets shortly before midnight last night.

Colbert stated that his assailant secured \$5 and some loose change in silver. The sum of \$1.70 was recovered by the police from a colored woman to whom Olden had given the money. Olden denied the robbery, although he was positively identified by Colbert as the man who committed the offense.

## Ready for Bryan Reception.

Everything is in readiness for the reception which will be tendered William Jennings Bryan in this city to-morrow evening at the George R. Hill Memorial, a building for young people, which has just been erected by the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. As previously announced, the reception will take place in the new building following his arrival at the opera house.

"The Old World and Its Ways" will be the subject of the address which Mr. Bryan will deliver at the Opera House, and it is expected that he will be greeted by a large gathering. Immediately following his address the reception will take place. Rev. Charles D. Bulla, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, will introduce Mr. Bryan.

Judge J. K. M. Norton, attorney for Arthur Bryant, has, it is announced, submitted a motion to the city council which will be presented to the body next Tuesday night, stating that Mr. Bryant will not submit a bid for certain property owned by the city, situated near the old canal. Owing to his inability to get the Senate to pass a bill to place a switch on the ground in the event he secured it, it is the reason assigned for his failure to submit a bid.

The Columbia Music Publishing Company, Inc., of this city, has been granted a charter by the State corporation commission with a maximum capital stock of \$50,000 and a minimum capital stock of \$2,000. The officers are W. T. Pierson, president; W. A. Boyd, vice president; O. L. Whipple, secretary and treasurer. The objects of the company are to publish, sell, and distribute music.

With a capital stock of \$10,000,000, the State corporation commission has granted the New River Oil Company, Inc., of Independence, Va. The officers are Ebenezer W. Strain, president, Philadelphia; J. M. Parsons, vice president, Independence, Va.; James Westervelt, Rye, N. Y., secretary, and Thomas P. Rattigan, treasurer, Philadelphia. The objects of the company are to sell oil, coal, and conduct a general mining business.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, to-night held a meeting at Lee Camp Hall, Prince Street, when final arrangements were made for the annual supper of that organization which is slated to be held at Lee Camp Hall December 4-5. As previously stated, the proceeds derived from the affair will be used for what is known as the "marker fund."

A part of the December term of the Circuit Court for Prince William County will be presided over by Judge Louis C. Barley, of the Corporation Court of this city. Judge Barley has been designated by Gov. Swanson to hold part of the session in place of Judge J. B. T. Thornton.

The first rehearsal for an amateur minstrel performance which will be presented at the Opera House early next month, under the auspices of the Old Dominion Boat Club, will be held Tuesday evening next at Lee Camp Hall. All of the participants will be members of the club.

An entertainment was given to-night at the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum Hall by Prof. H. L. Hildebrandt, of Baltimore. The affair was largely attended and an entertaining programme was rendered. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Baptist Mission.

Edward Schriener had his arm broken this afternoon by a fall he sustained while playing in the warehouse of the lumber firm of H. K. Field & Co., at the foot of Queen street. He was conveyed to his home, where he received surgical attention.

## Two Negroes Sentenced.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Rockville, Md., Nov. 21.—The circuit court entered upon the trial of cases on the criminal docket this morning. George Duffin, colored, was convicted of assault with intent to kill Frank Kilgour, his employer, and sentenced to five years in the Maryland penitentiary. Raymond Jenkins, colored, got three years in the penitentiary on a charge of grand larceny.

## Will Not Disturb School.

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 21.—The action of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist church in refusing to disturb the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, of this city, in the effort to make it purely a denominational institution, has caused a general good feeling in Lynchburg, where the school is looked upon by people of all creeds as purely a Lynchburg institution.

## SHOT PLAYING "HOOKEY."

Baltimore Boy Wounded by Companion Dies of His Wounds.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Nov. 21.—After suffering intense pain since last Tuesday afternoon, when he was shot in the neck by his companion, Harry Smith, thirteen years old, of 156 Hanover street, Walter Strack, twelve years old, son of Charles F. Strack, 1607 Olive street, died at the City Hospital to-day, where he had been taken with a hope of saving his life. The shooting occurred in the rear of Geis' lumber yard, near the Long Bridge, in Anne Arundel County.

The two boys, with Strack's younger brother, John, played "hookey" from school on Tuesday, and went to Anne Arundel County to try the rifle, which belonged to Smith. On their return they passed a turnip patch, and Smith ordered Walter Strack to get him some turnips.

When Strack refused, Smith pointed the rifle at him and told him to throw up his hands, which he refused to do, and the young outlaw shot him through the neck, after which he threw the boy into the water, near the end of Long Bridge. John Strack notified the police of Brooklyn that his brother had been shot, and while Special Officer Frick was chasing Smith, the latter turned around and shot at the officer, but missed his mark.

This mixture will usually break up a cold or cough. Care should be exercised to use only the genuine Virgin Oil of Pine, which is prepared in the laboratories of the Lench Chemical Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and put up for dispensing only in 8-ounce vials, each securely sealed in a round wooden case. It is better to purchase the different ingredients separately and mix them at home.

The railroad branch of the Young Men's Christian Association is an example of what these association crusaders have done in one special line. Railroad men live on the road, and one end of every run is away from home. When the man is at that end when he must be amused. Time was when he sought the barroom and dives. That meant wrecked trains. The Y. M. C. A. solved the problem for him. Not only does it give him every advantage of club and library, but he can talk shop to his heart's content. The great importance of this feature of the association work is thoroughly appreciated by the railroad companies, and they give liberally for the erection of buildings.

The railroad branch of the association has grown, until now there are 235 associations in the country, reaching 85 per cent of the railroad mileage, and having more than 6,000 active railroad men enrolled as members. The three essentials of railroading are good roads, good rolling stock, and men with clear heads, steady hands, and loyal hearts. The Young Men's Christian Association is interested in the last-named branch of the equipment. Fifteen years ago these associations were quartered in corners of railroad stations or inconvenient rented buildings. Now 125 have their own houses, well equipped and especially designed.

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The North American Association has not confined its activity to home fields. The crusading secretaries have been trained in the work here and have then been sent all over the world. Seventy American trained secretaries are now engaged in organizing and managing associations abroad. These are principally in China, Japan, Korea, India, and Latin America. These seventy secretaries are supported by American funds contributed through the Y. M. C. A. The Washington Association alone provides sole support for four foreign secretaries in the Orient.

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The work which these crusaders are trying to do in all sorts of ways is generally called the "social-service movement." It is this way which has resulted in the organization of thrift societies, working-men's clubs, co-operative shop lunches without beer, building and loan societies, self-help clubs, nonusurious pawn shops, street boys' clubs, public baths, juvenile courts, public playgrounds, and the like. Many such movements have been entirely independent of the Y. M. C. A., of course, but somewhere the association is responsible for all of these things and more.

Education is another field where the association is doing a great work. Six-sevenths of the ten-year-old boys now in the schools of the country will quit school before they are fourteen. They go to work. The public schools rarely give any industrial training. If they are fortunate they may get into some apprenticeship which will add them to the ranks of skilled workmen, but the great majority will work haphazard. They need vocational training. The industries of the country, growing faster than ever before, cry out for trained men. The boy who quits school at twelve will begin to realize at eighteen what he has missed.

If he be in any of the large cities he may turn to the Y. M. C. A. for help, in the confidence that it will meet his own efforts half way. Night schools, late afternoon schools, and classes of all kinds are conducted by men who are joined to this new crusade for young men. In the association classes, and at very small expense, the office boy may fit himself for the position of stenographer, or the salesman for a place as accountant. Classes in mechanical drawing, in engineering, in electrical science, in English, in journalism, in almost everything may be found under the roofs of the association buildings of the country.

These crusaders understand the importance of an early attack upon the enemy. The boy in the street is picked

up as soon as he knows the way about town, and that is very soon. The immigrant is met at the docks or at Ellis Island and guided safely past the pitfalls which are set for him in this land of liberty. The word "immigrant" represents a whole department of association activity in those cities of the East where the great flood of Europe's young men pours into the country. The fact that the Commissioner of Immigration of the United States will be one of the speakers in this convention is testimony of the good that is being accomplished in this field.

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